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Applicant: ANDERS BERKENSTAM ET AL

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Examiner:

Nickol, Gary B.

Title: SCREENING METHODS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 4, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group II, Claims 2 and 3 with traverse. The claims of Groups I and II are directed to isolated nucleic acid molecules, isolated polypeptides encoded thereby, vectors comprising the nucleic acid sequence, and host cells harboring the vector. As such, the claims are directed to the same invention and including Claims 1, 4-7 and 18 of Group I with Claims 2 and 3 of Group II is proper. The search and examination of the invention defined by Claims 1-7 and 18 should not cause undue burden on the Examiner. An Office Action on the merits of Claims 1-7 and 18 is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #3743/51594US).

Respectfully submitted,

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